

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

DECEMBER 21, 1999

IN RE:

**PETITION OF 2ND CENTURY COMMUNICATIONS,
INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND
NECESSITY TO PROVIDE COMPETING LOCAL
AND INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SERVICES IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE**

DOCKET NO. 99-00632

**ORDER GRANTING THE PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE OF
CONCORD TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, INC., HUMPHREYS COUNTY TELEPHONE
COMPANY, TELlico TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. AND TENNESSEE
TELEPHONE COMPANY**

This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on December 7, 1999, upon a Petition for Leave to Intervene filed in the matter of *Petition of 2nd Century Communications, Inc. For A Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Provide Competing Local and Interexchange Telecommunications Services in the State of Tennessee*. Such Petition for Leave to Intervene was filed on October 13, 1999 by Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc., Humphreys County Telephone Company, Tellico Telephone Company, Inc. and Tennessee Telephone Company — all wholly owned subsidiaries of TDS Telecom.

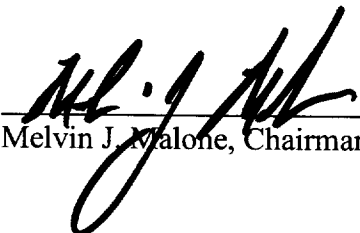
At the above-referenced Authority Conference, the Directors applied the legal standard for intervention, codified at Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-310, and found that the intervention petition: was timely and properly served; substantiated that legal interests of the intervenor may be

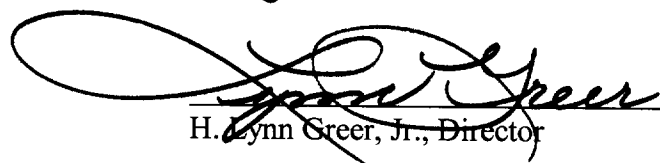
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determined in this matter; and demonstrated that the interest of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of this matter would not be impaired by allowing such intervention. Without objection from the parties, the Directors unanimously granted the Petition for Leave to Intervene.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Petition for Leave to Intervene filed by Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc., Humphreys County Telephone Company, Tellico Telephone Company, Inc. and Tennessee Telephone Company is granted; and
2. Any Party aggrieved by the Authority's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Authority within ten (10) days of the date of this Order.


Melvin J. Malone, Chairman


H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director


Sara Kyle, Director

ATTEST:


K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary